

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to FIGs. 1, 6, 9, 10, 12 – 20, 22 and 23.

Attachment: Replacement sheets 1 - 21 including FIGs. 1 – 23.

REMARKS

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Application

A non-final Office Action was mailed on February 20, 2009. Applicants timely filed an Amendment in Response to non-final Office Action on August 19, 2009, together with a Petition for a three-month extension of time. In the Amendment of August 19, claims 3-24 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 2 were amended and new claims 25 and 26 were added. In addition, the specification was amended to correct an informality, and to eliminate a summary table describing reference numerals and symbols

Another Office Action was mailed on September 1, 2009. In this second Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment filed on August 19 was not fully responsive, as the current specification remains incomplete. Applicants file this present Response together with a substitute specification and replacement drawings sheets that complete the application.

The present application was filed as a national stage entry of International Application No. PCT/JP04/17055 on May 18, 2006. International Patent Application No. PCT/JP04/17055 was filed on November 17, 2004, and was published in the Japanese language as International Patent Publication No. WO 2005/049992 A1 on June 2, 2005. Newly-added text in the substitute specification and changes to the drawings are based on the disclosure of International Patent Publication No. WO 2005/049992 A1, and have been certified. Therefore, no new matter is introduced.

II. Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to as being incomplete. Upon information and belief, the English language specification for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/595,904 was mis-copied prior to filing on May 18, 2006, such that certain portions near the bottoms of the pages of the specification were inadvertently omitted from copy as file. As noted above, Applicants prepared a substitute specification that re-introduces the omitted text, as verified with reference to disclosure of International Patent Publication No. WO 2005/049992 A1.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the substitute specification be accepted and entered, and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

III. Revised Drawings

Upon information and belief, the drawings for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/595,904 were also mis-copied prior to filing on May 18, 2006, such that certain portions near the tops bottoms of pages for several of the drawing figures were inadvertently omitted from drawings as filed. Applicants submit revised drawing figures 1, 6, 9, 10, 12 – 20, 22 and 23 in part to correct this error. Specifically, Applicants submit revised FIGs. 6, 12 – 20, 22 and 23 to add portions omitted from either the top or bottom of associated drawing pages. The additions have been verified with reference to text of the disclosure and drawings of International Patent Publication No. WO 2005/049992 A1. Applicants also submit revised FIGs. 1 and 9, which are redrawn with a portrait rather than landscape orientation on respective drawing sheets. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants submit a full set of replacement sheets 1 – 21, presenting each of FIGS. 1 – 23.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that replacement drawing sheets 1 - 21 be accepted and entered.

CONCLUSION

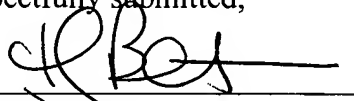
In view of the above amendments and remarks, and the amendments and remarks made in the Amendment of August 19, 2009, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any unpaid fees deemed required in connection with this submission, including any additional filing or application processing fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET